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As you know, there is a public hearing scheduled on 4 June at 0900 in 2203 RHOB on H.R. 1013 (Stokes/Boland Bill), with the key feature requiring the President to report all Findings in writing to the Congress within 48 hours of signature. A summary of the bill is attached. This will be the third public hearing, the others were held on 1 and 8 April 1987. Also attached are copies of our MFRs for these hearings which may be helpful background information for the Executive Director when he prepares his testimony. The Administration opposes this legislation. CIA's Executive Director, and Mr. Michael H. Armacost, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, will be the witnesses. The following information has been obtained from several House Intelligence Committee staffers:

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--There probably will be a poor turnout on the Republican side because the Iran/Contra hearings and a Republican caucus are scheduled for the same day.

--Mr. Stokes (D., OH) and Mr. Hyde (R., IL) will be participating in the Iran/Contra hearings and because they may not be able to devote much time to this hearing, some staffers believe that the hearing on H.R. 1013 could be relatively short.

--Staff said that efforts were made to locate other suitable witnesses who support this bill, but these efforts were not successful.

Some possible key questions for the witnesses:

a. Why is it that the Committee does not receive copies of Findings?

b. What will the Agency do in the future if it is instructed not to inform the Congress? While the staffers do not expect a surprise answer on this, the question is designed to get the Agency's response on the record.

c. Mr. Henry Hyde (R., IL) has raised the issue of the likely impact this legislation may have on the willingness of Third Countries to cooperate with us in covert action programs. His point is that they may be less inclined to do as a result of it, fearing that their cooperation will not be protected. If Mr. Hyde's point has merit, we should be prepared to provide our assessment of the possible impact of this legislation on the willingness of Third Countries to cooperate in covert action programs.

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